

## Ansty Directory Extract 1931 Ansty



ANSTY is a village and parish encompassed by downs on every side except the south, 2 miles south by east from Tisbury station on the Somerset and Yeovil branch of the Southern railway, 13½ miles west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Salisbury Division of the county, Hundred of Dunworth, union and petty sessional division of Tisbury, Shaftesbury County Court District, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. James is a cruciform edifice of stone in the Early English style consisting of chancel, nave, transepts, north porch and a small western belfry containing one bell. The church was restored in 1842 and more completely in 1878 when a vestry was added, and again in 1916; there is a stained east window in memory of the late Rev. J. H. Samler; the church will seat 150 persons. The register dates from the year 1654. The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Swallowcliffe, joint net yearly value £352, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1898 by the Rev Quartus Bacon M.A. of St John's College, Oxford, who resides at Swallowcliffe.

Nearly adjoining the churchyard, to the north, is a pile of old buildings, supposed to have belonged to the Abbey of Shaftesbury. The whole of the parish belongs to the Ann Lady Arundell of Wardour, who is Lady of the Manor. The soil is sandy, subsoil sandstone. The chief crops are wheat and oats. The area is 1,382 acres; rateable value £1,531. The population in 1921 was 246 in the civil and 248 in the ecclesiastical parish. By an Order dated March 25 1885, a detached part of this parish, known as Sangers, was amalgamated with Wardour for civil purposes.

Parish Clerk, Charles Edgar Lever

Letters through Salisbury. The nearest money order office is at Tisbury, 2 miles distant, and Swallowcliffe is the nearest telegraph office.

The children attend school at Swallowcliffe and Wardour.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bacon	Quartus		Rector	
Brain	Emily	Mrs.	Farmer	Manor Farm
Brain	Ernest Silas		Farmer	Harwood & South Farm* Telephone No. Donhead 10
Crump	Charles		Publican	Arundell Arms
Hansford	George		Builder, Painter, Decorator, Wheelwright & Blacksmith	
Lever	Bert		Secretary, Ansty Recreation Hut	
Lever	Charles Edgar		Haulier	
Mounty	Harry		Farmer	Hillside *
Parsons	Ernest		Dairy Farmer	
Parsons	William		Smallholder	
Tucker	William		Smallholder	

Marked \* Farm 150 acres or over

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